

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE RUBY KENTON HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

406 Railroad Ave

second

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Baltimore

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ruby Kenton

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

406 Railroad Ave

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #: 4790:761

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson Md. 21204

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

BA-1069 - 406 Railroad

before 1915

This two-story frame house is two bays wide by two rooms deep, followed by a one-story kitchen addition. A stair runs between the two rooms. A porch runs across the street-facing gable end.

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-1069

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

406 RR

This is one of many houses on Railroad Ave. which first appeared on a 1915 map of Towson. The frame house is two stories high, two bays wide and two long bays deep with a one story shed-roofed kitchen addition to the rear. The main block of the house is two rooms deep with a stair between. A stove flue rises in the east wall of the second room, while a fireplace appears in the east wall of the front room. Two thin carved brackets run from the floor to the mantel shelf on either side of the fireplace. The interior architraves are marked by a fat central bead and meet in mitered corners rather than corner blocks.

The west gable end faces the street. The front door opens from the south end of the facade, while the other three bays each contain a 2/2 sash window. A semi-enclosed shed-roofed porch with thin square posts crosses this facade. The gable end is covered with white asbestos shingles, while the rest of the house is covered with red asphalt shingles imitating brick. The house rests on a stone foundation.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Early deeds indicate that this property was part of the property leased by John Finn to Susan Gray in 1892. Francis Hines later (1899) received the property from Susan Gray. Francis Hines controlled the property for forty-three years at which time the property was sold to the R. S. Construction Co.(1942). The R. S. Construction Company retained the property for three years, whereupon the property was conveyed to Charles Gardner (1945). The Gardner family held the property until 1952 at which time the property was conveyed to Raymond and Beatrice Woodard (1955). The Woodards subsequently conveyed the property to Saunders Almond in 1955. Saunders Almond retained the property six-years at which time the property was conveyed to the present owners Ruby Kenton.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE
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ORGANIZATION
Committee to Save E. Towson/Towson Ymca DATE 823-8870

STREET & NUMBER
600 W. Chesapeake Ave. TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Towson Md. 21204 STATE

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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The Ruby Kanton House
406 R.R.
Towson, Md.
west

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